

## LEWISTON POLICE BLOTTER

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**trespass** – Caller to 911 reported an ongoing trespassing issue and demanded a police report. Patrol spoke with the subject who said he was concerned about an insurance investigator taking pictures on the apartment complex. Patrol to contact management and advise resident.

### Wednesday, Dec. 29

- **N. Ninth/Oneida streets, traffic complaint** – Officer initiated call. Patrol on location for stop sign complaints.
- **Center/N. Ninth streets, MVA-property damage** – Caller to 911 reported a two-vehicle property damage accident; vehicles off to the side of the road.
- **Locations on the 2200 block of Saunders Settlement Road; N. Ninth/Onondaga streets and N. Ninth Street/Page Avenue, vehicle/traffic stops** – Calls officer initiated. All drivers cited for failure to stop at a stop sign. Uniform traffic tickets issued for Lewiston Town Court.

### Thursday, Dec. 30

- **Foxwood Drive/Creek Road, noise complaint** – Anonymous caller reported loud music and banging noises. Patrols checked the area with negative results.
- **2500 block of Lower Mountain Road, theft** – Caller to 911 reported a vehicle was entered overnight via a pry bar, numerous items taken. Report taken.
- **400 block of Irving Drive, damage to property** – Caller to 911 reported the driver's side window of a vehicle was shot with a BB gun overnight.
- **Lewiston/Creek roads, vehicle/traffic stop** – Call officer initiated. Driver cited for texting and failure to provide proof of insurance. Patrol reported the driver as highly upset and confrontational. Uniform traffic tickets issued for Lewiston Town Court.
- **Ridge/Meadow roads, vehicle/traffic stop** – Call officer initiated. Patrol reported one suspect in custody for driving while intoxicated. Tow truck requested with 12-hour hold. Report taken.

### Friday, Dec. 31

- **2900 block of Military Road, trespass** – Caller to 911 reported an unwanted male in the waiting room and refusing to leave. Patrol

responded.

- **800 block of Seneca Street, trespass** – Caller reported observing a male walking through a fenced-in area of a business during the early morning hours. Subject had a red bandanna as a facemask and wearing a grey Carhartt hoodie. Report taken.
- **4700 block of Creek Road, suspicious activity** – Caller to 911 reported a male using off-handed remarks in a church, making visitors uncomfortable.
- **4000 block of Creek Road, LPD office, assist public** – Officer initiated call. Patrol reported residents from the Town of Porter requested information on obtaining an order of protection. Subjects advised.

### Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022

- **400 block of Mountain View Drive, suspicious activity** – Caller to 911 reported a red Saturn drove over rocks in the area. Female charged with driving while intoxicated. DWI, Miranda warnings read.
- **Location not listed, assist** – U.S. Customs and Border Patrol officer reported a vehicle was pulled over for making a wrong turn. Drugs and firearms were found in vehicle and occupants had criminal history. Two males arrested by LPD and Border Patrol.
- **700 block of Pletcher Road, harassment** – Female complainant reported an unknown person was creating fake accounts and Facebook and Instagram, using the suspect's name and photos.
- **2100 block of Saunders Settlement Road, suspicious activity** – LPD and State Police responded to a 911 call of a male running through yards. Subject detained per state mental health law 9.41.

### Sunday, Jan. 2

- **900 block of Creek Road, MVA-property damage** – Caller to 911 reported a property damage accident, vehicle fled the area. Rightful owner charged with leaving the scene of a property damage accident.
- **4900 block of Indian Hill Road, traffic complaint** – Caller to 911 reported a grey pickup drove into a ditch; driver possibly intoxicated. Patrol reported one in custody for driving while intoxicated. Six additional violations (unspecified) were issued. Report taken.

# Homicide in Niagara Falls

Per the Office of City of Niagara Falls Mayor Robert Restaino: On Wednesday at approximately 12:15 p.m., Niagara Falls Police responded to a call to check the welfare of a family member at 511 Hyde Park Blvd. Upon arrival, the officer did not get a response at the door and observed

evidence a person inside may have been injured. Once entering the first-floor apartment, officers discovered an adult male who was deceased, and an adult female who had sustained serious injuries.

The female was transported to Niagara Falls Memorial Medical

Center and then was transferred to ECMC, where she is listed as having serious injuries.

The investigation is ongoing, and police are asking anyone with information regarding the incident to contact the NFPD at 716-286-4553 or 716-286-4711.

## NCSO installs new antenna site

Niagara County Sheriff Michael J. Filicetti announced a new antenna site at the Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls has been placed on the Niagara County Public Safety Radio Network.

A press release noted, "This addition to the radio network greatly enhances radio coverage in that portion of Niagara County and will assist first responders in communications with each other and the dispatch centers in the county. The antenna site is the final step in the first phase of expanding the Niagara County radio system designed to enhance radio coverage in commercial buildings throughout the county. The second phase of the expansion

project is already underway and includes the construction of three additional towers in Wheatfield, Wilson and Barker."

The radio network serves as the primary communication system for the majority of Niagara County police, fire and EMS, as well as federal and state law enforcement partners and other municipal users such as highway departments and school systems. The site at the Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls is a partnership between the Sheriff's Office and the largest shopping center in Niagara County.

The installation of this site was funded through the New York State Department of Homeland

Security and Emergency Services Statewide Interoperable Communications Grants, which have been awarded to Niagara County for this purpose.

"This site coming on the air is the culmination of much hard work and determination by Chief Deputy Patrick Weidel," Filicetti said. "His dedication to this enhancement and completing this project will benefit first responders in Niagara County for years to come."

The ongoing second phase of this project is anticipated to be completed in 2022 and will extend into some of the more rural areas of the county.

## Traveler advisory for Niagara Falls Blvd.

The New York State Department of Transportation announced bridge deck repair work is scheduled on the southbound Interstate 190 bridge over Route 62 (Niagara Falls Boulevard) in the City of Niagara Falls. As a result, lane closures will occur.

Beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, traffic will be reduced to one lane on southbound Interstate 190 from Exit 22 (Route 62) to Exit 21A (LaSalle Expressway) until 3 p.m.

The road work is expected to last for one day. This work is weather-sensitive and could be delayed in the event of inclement weather.

Motorists are reminded to move over a lane, if safely pos-

sible, or slow down significantly whenever encountering roadside vehicles displaying red, white, blue, amber or green lights, including maintenance and construction vehicles in work zones.

Motorists are urged to slow

down and drive responsibly in work zones. Fines are doubled for speeding in a work zone. Convictions of two or more speeding violations in a work zone could result in the suspension of an individual's driver license.

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## VA Western New York Healthcare System patient visitation changes

Patient visitation changes began this week at the VA Western New York Healthcare System (VAWNYHS) Buffalo and Batavia campuses. These changes will remain in place until further notice.

Due to the surge in COVID-19 infection rates throughout Western New York, the VA Western New York Healthcare System has suspended physical inpatient visitation at the Buffalo VA Medical Center site. VA Community Living Center resident visitation with family members at the Batavia Medical Center site will be limited through glass partitions.

Guidelines for Buffalo Campus visitation exceptions (on a case-by-case basis) include:

- Hospice/palliative care/end-of-life visits require approval of the medical care team and medical center director or chief of staff.
- Outpatient services – essential visitor – scheduled outpatient appointments: The purpose of this visitor will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the care team, and is absolutely essential and critical to the care and needs of the veteran. For example, a veteran in need of an escort to accompany him or her to an appointment when the veteran is unable to safely navigate to the appointment and/or for a veteran who is unable to comprehend specific

teaching instructions, or is unable to perform a skill that is critical to the veteran's care (including wound care, Foley care, etc.).

All visitors will be expected to adhere to the following guidelines:

- Upon arrival of the visitor to the screening station, the visitor will be screened (including temperature taken as part of screening process), and will not be granted access if exhibiting signs of COVID-19 or any illness (including a temperature of 100.0 degrees or greater or exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 person).
- Wear a VA-provided, face-covering mask. Neck gators, bandanas and face shields are not an appropriate form of a face covering while in the facility. If visitor does not have a mask, one will be provided.
- Perform hand-hygiene when entering the facility and before and after visiting a hospitalized veteran as instructed by staff.
- Refrain from eating or drinking while visiting a hospitalized patient.
- Visitors will be required to exit the facility immediately following the visitation.

The VA Western New York Healthcare System thanks the community for its cooperation. To schedule a vaccination or a booster shot, call 716-862-7868.

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